

REMARKS

Claims 1-69 were presented in the present application. Claims 33-55 have been cancelled without prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue these claims in other patent applications.

RESTRICTION

In the Action, the Examiner restricts the 69 pending claims into 3 groups of inventions. In the Action, the Examiner restricted the claims of the application into three groups of invention as follows:

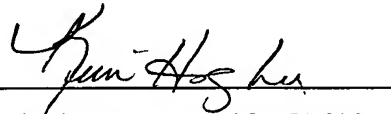
- I. Claims 1-32 and 56-69: process for extending the lifespan of a metazoan or metazoan cell
- II. Claims 48-55: process for eliminating reactive oxygen species in a cell
- III. Claims 33-47: compositions comprising carboxyfullerene

Applicants hereby elect Group I, which is drawn to a process for extending the lifespan of a metazoan or metazoan cell.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that they have complied with the Examiner's restriction requirement. After the above election, claims 1-32 and 56-69 are now pending in the present application. Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendment and remarks into the file of the above-captioned application. Applicants respectfully request that the present application proceed to prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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